

Arizona to receive \$6,864,907 in grants from the new health care law for community health centers

Grants from the Affordable Care Act will help build and expand health centers, create jobs, and expand access to an additional 860,000 patients nationwide

Today Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$6,864,907 in grants awarded to community health centers in Arizona due to the new health care law – the Affordable Care Act. Grantees estimate these awards will help them serve approximately 6,895 new patients. A full list of Arizona grantees can be found below.

“President Obama’s health care law is making community health centers in Arizona stronger,” said Secretary Sebelius. “For many Americans, community health centers are the major source of care that ranges from prevention to treatment of chronic diseases. This investment will expand our ability to provide high-quality care to millions of people while supporting good paying jobs in communities across the country.”

Funding totaling more than \$728 million across the United States will support renovation and construction projects, boosting health centers’ ability to care for additional patients and creating jobs. The awards are part of a series of capital investments that are made available to community health centers through the Affordable Care Act, which provides \$9.5 billion to expand services over five years and \$1.5 billion to support major construction and renovation projects at community health centers.

According to a new report released today, the health care law has already supported the construction and renovation of 190 health center sites and the creation of 67 new health center sites across the country, and will support the construction and renovation of more than 485 health center sites and the creation of 245 new health center sites over the next two years.

Overall, since the beginning of 2009, employment at community health centers nationwide has increased by 15 percent. And, primarily due to the Affordable Care Act and the Recovery Act, community health centers are serving nearly 3 million additional patients today and will serve an additional 1.3 million additional new patients in the next two years.

The announcement made today is for awards from two capital programs for community health centers. One will provide approximately \$629 million to 171 existing health centers across the country for longer-term projects to expand their facilities, improve existing services, and serve more patients. This program will expand access to an additional 860,000 patients. The second set of awards will provide approximately \$99.3 million to 227 existing health centers to address pressing facility and equipment needs.

Health centers improve the health of the nation’s communities by ensuring access to primary health care services. Currently, more than 8,500 service delivery sites around the country deliver care to nearly 19.5 million patients regardless of their ability to pay.

A List of Capital Development – Building Capacity Program awards by State can be found at <http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2012tables/120501healthcentercapital.html>.

A List of Capital Development – Immediate Facility Improvement Program awards by State can be found at <http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2012tables/120501facilityimprovement.html>.

Information on the Affordable Care Act is available at www.healthcare.gov.

For more information on HRSA's community health center program, visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/>.
To find a health center in your area, visit <http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov>.

Capital Development - Building Capacity Program			
Grantee Organization	City	State	Award
El Rio Santa Cruz Neighborhood Health Center	Tucson	Arizona	\$5,000,000

Capital Development - Immediate Facility Improvement Program			
Grantee Organization	City	State	Award
EL Rio Santa Cruz Neighborhood Health Center	Tucson	Arizona	\$494,638
North Country Healthcare, Inc.	Flagstaff	Arizona	\$439,850
Sun Life Family Health Center	Casa Grande	Arizona	\$500,000
United Community Health Center, Inc.	Green Valley	Arizona	\$430,419